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**GRAND RAPIDS – SARATOGA WATER TESTING PROGRAM**

Residents in the Grand Rapids and Saratoga areas can have their drinking water quality analyzed in a special one-time program. The Drinking Water Testing Program is open to all Wood County Residents.

The Grand Rapids and Saratoga Drinking Water Testing Program is being coordinated by the Wood County Health Department and Wood County Extension Office as part of the Healthy People Wood County Initiative.

Residents will have their water tested for bacteria, nitrate, pH, iron, hardness, copper, lead, magnesium, calcium and manganese. The cost for these tests will be \$42. The cost would normally be much higher but the Grand Rapids and Saratoga Program allows for low group pricing.

Water samples are sent to a lab for analysis, according to Peter Manley, Wood County Extension Resource Agent. Because the testing program is offered through the county, there are no follow-up sales calls about water conditioners.

Sample bottles may be purchased at one of six locations:

Saratoga Grocery  
799 St Hwy 73  
Nekoosa WI

Saratoga Mini Mart  
8810 St Hwy 13 S  
Wisc Rapids WI

John’s Food Ranch  
2421 48<sup>th</sup> St S  
Wisc Rapids WI

Grand Rapids Municipal Bldg.  
2410 48<sup>th</sup> Street S  
Wisconsin Rapids WI 54494

Wood Cty Health Dept.  
Courthouse Annex  
400 Market Street  
Wisconsin Rapids WI

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Sample bottles may be purchased from October 1 to October 22. The testing date is Wednesday, October 22. Results will be explained at educational meetings on Wednesday, November 5 at 1:30 p.m. at the Saratoga Town Hall and at 6:30 p.m. at the Grand Rapids Town Hall.

The chemicals being tested for are contaminants most likely to be found in South Wood County area wells. Most wells in Wood County have healthy water. Homeowners and tenants with concerns about the quality of their drinking water should have their water tested regularly, according to Nancy Eggleston, Wood County Environmental Health Supervisor.

People with questions about the Grand Rapids – Saratoga Water Testing Program are encouraged to call Peter Manley, Wood County Extension Office, at 715-421-8440 or Nancy Eggleston, Wood County Health Department at 715-421-8911.